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# Nazis Smuggled Into U.S. for Spy Work, Investigator Asserts

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WASHINGTON, May 16 — The Government, for intelligence purposes, recruited hundreds of Russians believed to have committed World War II atrocities and smuggled them into the United States after the war, in defiance of Presidential orders, according to a former Justice Department investigator.

The secret operation, the outgrowth of a sort of bidding war for intelligence that proved to be of little value, was later systematically covered up by various Federal agencies, according to John Loftus, a former prosecutor for the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations. This unit was set up by President Carter to find and deport former war criminals living in the United States.

Mr. Loftus, now a lawyer in private practice in Boston, was interviewed on the CBS News program "60 Minutes," broadcast this evening.

Many of the Russians, collaborators in the Nazi advance into the Soviet Union, are still alive and living in this country as American citizens, Mr. Loftus said. Some of them work for such organizations as Radio Free Europe.

**'More Than 300' Living in U.S.**

"I would say that as a conservative estimate there are more than 300 Byelorussian Nazis living in America today," Mr. Loftus said.

Also appearing on the program was Representative Barney Frank, a Massachusetts Democrat who serves on a House immigration subcommittee.

Mr. Frank said that when he heard the allegations, he could not believe them. "I thought it was the kind of thing that paranoid people make up and it really wasn't true," Mr. Frank said. He said he became convinced that the allegations were factually based after seeing documents, including one involving Emmanuel Jasiuk, a Russian who, early in 1942, was appointed Mayor of Stulpche by the Nazi occupation forces.

Mr. Jasiuk was one of two reputed Nazi war criminals a House committee asked the General Accounting Office to investigate in 1978. The G.A.O. reported publicly in May of that year it had found that the intelligence agency had used 21 alleged war criminals as "sources of information."

Mr. Frank said today that when the G.A.O. had asked Army intelligence about these cases, "The Army simply lied," and said it had no files on them.

**'Absolute, Blatant Immorality'**

In an interview today with The New York Times, Mr. Frank complained of what he called the Government's "absolute, blatant immorality — smuggling murderers into this country and subsequently lying about it."

He added that he expected Congress to conduct an investigation, which he said should result in the declassification of the documents, in the deportation of the war criminals and in the discharge of those involved in the cover-up.

Mr. Loftus said the war criminals had been smuggled into the country despite specific orders against such an event from President Roosevelt and President Truman. "We later established that the files pertaining to the Nazi immigration had been withheld from Congress, from the courts, from the C.I.A. and from the local agents of the Immigration Service," he said.

Mr. Loftus specifically cited the State Department's Office of Policy Coordination, a covert intelligence group that

predated the Central Intelligence Agency, as the main initiator of the program to bring the Russians to the United States. He said the O.P.C. was run by Frank Wisner, a wartime intelligence operative.

Asked which of Mr. Wisner's superiors knew of the program to admit the Russian criminals, Mr. Loftus named three men who were President Eisenhower's principal "representatives for cold war affairs." In the early 1950's — Vice President Richard M. Nixon, Nelson Rockefeller and C. D. Jackson, Undersecretary of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

A spokesman for Mr. Nixon said he would have "no comment" about his knowledge of the episode, according to Mike Wallace, the CBS News interviewer. The Federal Bureau of Investigation and the State Department also declined comment. Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Jackson are dead.